



March 9, 2025
10:00 am

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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**We are blessed that you
have joined us today.**

Notes on worship:

BOLD type = people of God =You

Regular type = leader

Italic type = directions or explanations

Introduction to the Day

 These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Bellerose! We are so glad that you are here to worship with us either in person or online. If you are seeking a church to call home, welcome and we hope you find the comfort of Christ's Beloved Community here. If Pastor Analyse or the Prayer Team can provide any care for you at present, please reach out in person or at pastoranalyse@holytrinitybellerose.org or the church office at office@holytrinitybellerose.org.

~Please stand as you are able.~

CONFESION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **☩** one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love,**
**but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**
**We do not show others the tender
compassion**
you have shown to us.

**We do not welcome others with the radical
hospitality**

you grant to all people.

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and
again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the
earth.**

**Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In **☩** Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 774 vs 1 & 2

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

1 **What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is
mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain

**Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain***

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE W&P 67 2x

I Love You, Lord

**I love you, Lord,
And I lift my voice
To worship you;
oh my soul, rejoice.**

**Take joy, my King,
In what you hear;
may it be a sweet,
sweet sound in your ear.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

~Please be seated.~

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 NRSV

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

The first reading is from Deuteronomy beginning at the twenty-sixth chapter.

¹ When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

We will now read responsively from Psalm 91.

¹ You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

²you will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust.”

⁹Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

¹²Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

SECOND READING Romans 10:8b-13NRSV

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

The second reading is from Romans beginning at the tenth chapter.

^{8b}“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

~Please stand as you are able.~

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13 NRSV

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”

The Holy Gospel according to Luke beginning at the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’

¹¹and

‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

~Please be seated.~

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

~Please stand as you are able.~

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 319 VS 1, 2 & 4
Oh Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days**
you prayed and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin,
and free us from our past.
- 2 You strove with Satan, and you won;**
your faithfulness endured;
lend us your nerve, your skill, and trust
in God's eternal word.
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord,**
and all our earthly days,
that when the final Easter dawns,
we join in heaven's praise.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith saying the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the
Father, and he will come to judge the
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**~Please remain standing as you desire,
otherwise please be seated~**

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.
A brief silence.

Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill *especially Bob Sarro, Janice Rajgopaul, Susan Henyan, Peter Stiefel, Ruth Loomis, Ginny Pietler, Cheryl Albrecht, Heide Wilkerson, Peter A. Westgard, Eleanor Gotz, and Sarah Simon.* God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Justice-seeking God. You equip us to transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism and generational poverty.

God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you!

Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with one another. (In the method of your comfort level.)

~Please be seated.~

OFFERING

~Please stand as you are able.~

OFFERTORY HYMN W&P 34

Create in Me a Clean Heart

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. Repeat
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might; Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

EUCARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

~Please be seated.~

COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's Table. We receive communion in the form of a wafer and a small cup of wine or grape juice. Please tell the ushers if you need the bread and wine brought to you. If you are not yet receiving communion, or do not wish to receive today, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Follow the usher's directions.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 325 vs. 1 & 2
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

- 1 I want Jesus to walk with me;
 I want Jesus to walk with me;
 all along my pilgrim journey,
 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

- 2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
 in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
 when my heart is almost breaking,
 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

~Please stand as you are able.~

TABLE BLESSING & COMMUNION PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Let us pray.

Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

~Please be seated.~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~Please stand as you are able.~

BLESSING

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
☩ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 858 vs 1-3
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.

DISMISSAL

What is our Mission?

Welcoming all to grow in faith; living Christ's message of serving and loving neighbors near and far.

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God.

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We are blessed by your presence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful bouquets on our altar are placed there in loving memory of the passing of Peter Klarman

by Jean, Julia and Sarah Klarman

IN PERSON SERVICES every Sunday Live and via Facebook Live @ 10:00 am. You don't have to belong to Facebook to watch. Video will also be available on our interactive bulletin at: holytrinitybellerose.wordpress.com.

COUNCIL MEETING

Next meeting: March 11 @ 7:30 pm.

PIANO FUNDRAISER

Holy Trinity has a new Grand Piano! If you would like to donate towards the cost of paying it off, and invest in Holy Trinity's music ministry please put your donation in a "Keys of Grace" envelope, located periodically in your bulletin and on the table in the narthex. We are about \$1,500 away from our \$6,000 goal!

HOLY TRINITY'S CENTENNIAL

Holy Trinity turns 100 in 2026! ***If you would like to be on a sub-committee*** to plan celebrations throughout the year, please sign up on one of the sign-up sheets in the Narthex. The next Centennial Meeting is **April 1, 2025. At 7:00pm (No joke!)**

CHURCH MERCHANDISE

We have a webstore! As a certified non-profit Holy Trinity receives money back for every item purchased. Purchase Holy Trinity shirts, hats, mugs etc. by visiting

<https://www.bonfire.com/store/holy-trinity-lutheran-church-merch/>

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

The window to designate your Thrivent Choice dollars is open! Please remember to direct your **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to Holy Trinity between January 24th and March 31st. Please see the bulletin for a letter with instructions on how to do that. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Henyan.

CONCERT

Thank you to all who attended our *Peace, Hope, and Love* concert last week!

PANCAKE DINNER

Thank you to all who made our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner a success.

LENT DEVOTIONALS

Regular and large print versions are available in the Narthex. Children's Devotionals will be given out in Sunday School.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Our Lenten Bible Study continues through **April 7, 2025** 10:00am will meet in person and 7:00pm is partnering with St. John's Lutheran in Albany for a bible study taking place on Zoom. See sign-up sheet.

YOUTH GROUP

The youth meet twice a month on the first and third Saturday's from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for 2nd – 8th grades and 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm for 9th grade and up. Contact Diane Gilroy for more information.

ALTAR GUILD

Looking for volunteers to help Denice, Joe, & Pastor Analyse with Altar responsibilities.

WOMEN'S GROUP

This group is women getting together to discuss relevant topics and books, spend time uplifting and supporting each other. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month from 7-9 pm. All are welcome. Any questions contact Carol Robinson or Denice Watkins.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

All positions available. Learn a new skill. The video camera is really user friendly. See Pastor Analyse for additional information.

YOGA PRACTICE Yoga, Thursdays, at 7 pm in the Friendship Hall. One hour for only \$10. Contact Carol

Robinson, 917-208-7340, for additional information.

GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree in the Narthex has some new foliage! Help us replace needed equipment in our kitchen!

March Celebrations

- 1 Ray Holm
- 7 Ruth Loomis & Michael Greene
- 9 Patrick Clark
- 10 Katie Charach
- 16 Carole Zahner
- 17 Marilyn Weickert
- 24 Helen & Rich Kunz
- 27 Joyce Holm
- 28 Charlotte Williams
- 28 Leonard Scala
- 28 Jeff Slatkin.



LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

LENTEN SUNDAY WORSHIP

Services at 10am
Coffee Hour after Worship

PALM SUNDAY + APRIL 13, 2025

Service at 10am
Palm Sunday Breakfast
after Worship

MAUNDY THURSDAY + APRIL 17, 2025

Potluck & Service at 6pm

GOOD FRIDAY + APRIL 18, 2025

Tenebrae Service at 7:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY + APRIL 20, 2025

Service at 10am
Easter Egg Hunt during Coffee Hour

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